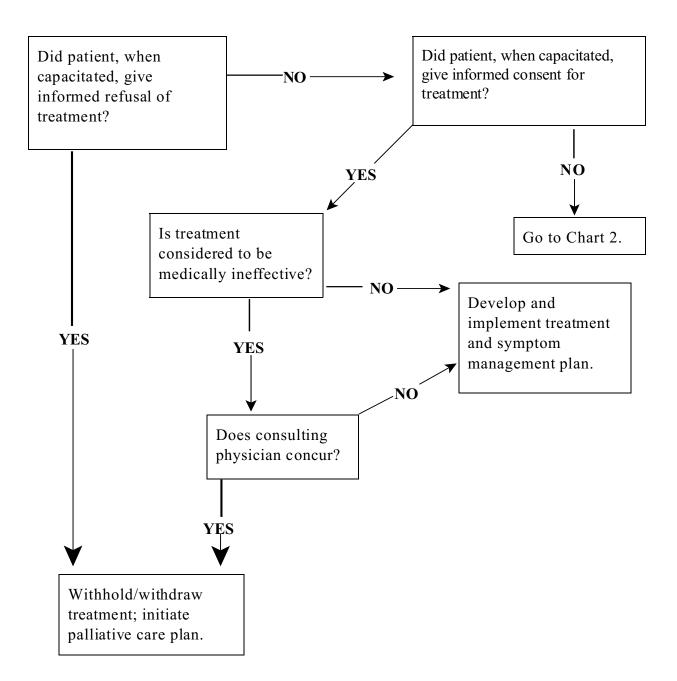
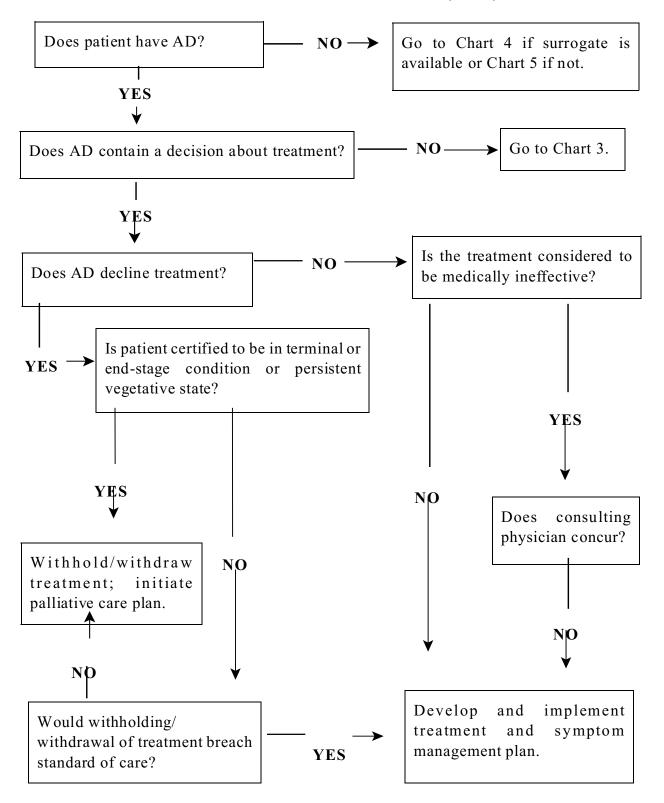
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**Chart 1: Prior Informed Consent** 



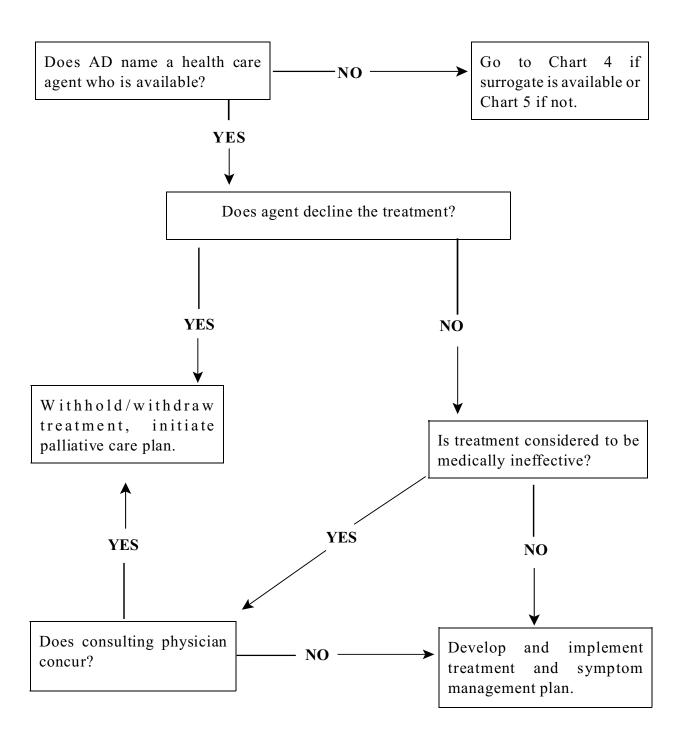
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Chart 2: Decisional Advance Directive ("AD")



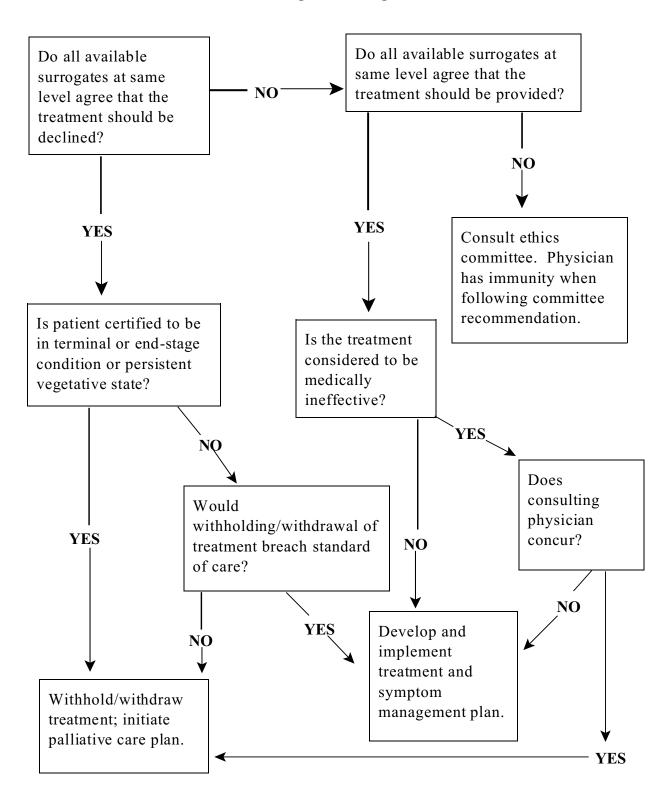
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Chart 3: Health Care Agent Available



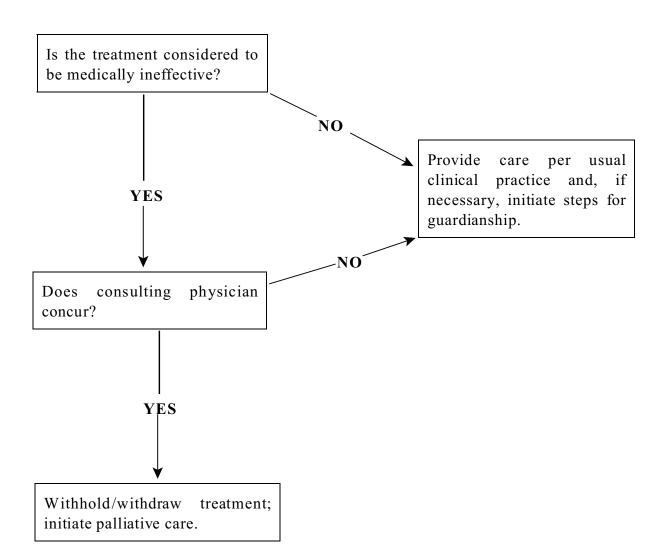
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Chart 4: No Agent, Surrogate Available



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Chart 5: No Advance Directive, No Surrogate



#### **Glossary**

- 1. "Certified" = stated in writing by two physicians, attending and consulting.
- 2. "Concur" = in writing.
- 3. "Informed consent" or "informed refusal" = decision about concrete, near-term options, not open-ended choice about future contingencies.
- 4. "Medically ineffective" = physician's conclusion, based on literature and clinical experience, that intervention stands little or no chance of maintaining health status or reversing ongoing dying process.
- 5. "Same level" = having the same priority in the following priority order: (1) court appointed guardian; (2) spouse; (3) adult children; (4) parents; (5) adult siblings; (6) other family members and friends.